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## **Conservation Commission Minutes 07/15/2010**

Arlington Conservation Commission  
 Minutes  
 July 15, 2010

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, William O'Rourke, Charles Tirone, Catherine Garnett, and Ezra Benjamin of the Commission. Member Ellen Reed and Brian Thomas, Associate Commission member were not in attendance. Also in attendance was Curt Connor.

7:45 p.m. – Commission Business

White/O'Rourke motioned to approve the 6/3 and 6/17 minutes with edits; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission will focus the content of its Town Day booth on September 25, on the work needed at Arlington Reservoir. A volunteer or coordinator is still needed for this work.

The site walk to 104 Wright St was very informative to identify this stretch of the upper Reeds Brook and to discuss the basement flooding of this property. Mr. O'Rourke had a long discussion with the homeowner and directed her to work on installing sump pumps to protect the finishings in her basement. It is the opinion of the board that removal of the old (more than 20 years ago) fill on the neighboring property wouldn't remedy their situation.

The Commission reviewed amendments to our local wetland regulations drafted by Mr. Stevens. He proposes to change the name of our Buffer Zone to another name, Adjacent Upland Resource Area, since we protect the area the same as a resource area.

8:30pm –Notice of Intent–30-50 Mill St, continued from 6/17/10

The Commission is in receipt of a request for continuance of this hearing til 8/19/10. O'Rourke/Benjamin motioned to approve this continuance; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.)

Ms. Beckwith reported that the Arlington Advocate reported on the mowing of the small wetlands at the Alewife Reservation near the Sunnyside neighborhood. Mr. Stevens wrote a letter to the Board of Selectmen on this topic as well.

There are significant changes to the Open meeting law and we are working to implement these.

The Commission will draft a response to the probably continuance of the variance to continue to release the sewage into Alewife Brook.

Benjamin/Tirone motioned to approve the payment of our MACC dues of \$518; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith reported that she received a photo and description of unpermitted work (plant cutting and placement of sand) at 24 Sheraton Park at the shore of Spy Pond. The board decided to issue a letter of Non-compliance, directing the homeowner to appear at our next meeting.

Mr. Connor introduced himself to the board (his background in environmental law) and expressed interest in participating in some manner, potentially as a new associate member.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Corinna Beckwith  
 Commission Administrator